

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
PAUL A. LUCIW, ET AL.) Group Art Unit: 1813
Serial No. 08/089,407) Examiner: M. Woodward
Filed: July 8, 1993) Attorney Docket No. 0035.009

For: HIV IMMUNOASSAYS USING SYNTHETIC
ENVELOPE POLYPEPTIDES (AS AMENDED)

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

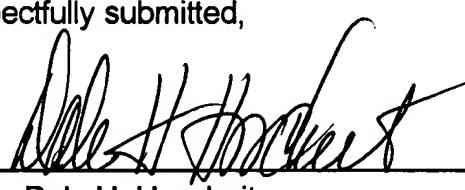
Sir:

Applicants received the attached Notice of Abandonment dated September 4, 1996 for failure to respond to the Office Action of January 23, 1996.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment because a response was filed with the Patent and Trademark Office. A Notice of Appeal along with a Petition for three-month extension of time was filed on July 19, 1996. A copy of the Notice of Appeal along with a copy of the business reply card showing the PTO's mail room stamp is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. It is believed that there is no fee for this request. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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